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EXERCISE

1. ALL MAJOR BULGARIAN NEWSPAPERS MARCH 22 CARRIED BULGARIAN TELEGRAPH AGENCY (BTA) REPORT OF MARCH 14-21 WARSAW PACT COMMAND-STAFF MAP EXERCISE. TEXT OF INFORMAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION FOLLOWS.

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2. BEGIN TEXT: QUOTE EXERCISE OF THE STAFFS OF THE ARMIES OF MEMBER STATES OF THE WARSAW PACT

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COORDINATED PLAN OF THE UNITED COMMAND, DURING THE PERIOD OF MARCH 14-21 THIS YEAR ON THE TERRITORY OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF

ROMANIA, A COMMAND-STAFF EXERCISE BY MAP WITH THE OPERATIONAL STAFFS OF THE BULGARIAN NATIONAL ARMY, THE ARMY OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF ROMANIA AND THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS WAS CARRIED OUT.

THE EXERCISE WAS COMMANDED BY THE CHIEF COMMANDER OF THE ALLIED ARMED FORCES OF THE MEMBER STATES OF THE WARSAW PACT. MARSHALL OF THE USSR. V.G. KULIKOV.

IN THE COURSE OF THE EXERCISE WERE WORKED OUT QUESTIONS OF LEADERSHIP OF JOINT COMBAT OPERATIONS OF THE DIFFERENT ARMED SERVICES AND STANDING UNITS OF THE ALLIED ARMIES.

THE EXERCISE WAS CONDUCTED IN AN ORGANIZED, INSTRUCTIVE WAY AND SHOWED THE HIGHER OPERATIONAL TRAINING OF THE GENERALS, ADMIRALS, AND OFFICERS. IT CONTRIBUTED TO THE CLOSER WORKING TOGETHER OF THE HIGH STAFFS OF THE ARMIES OF THE MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE WARSAW PACT, THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE INTERACTION AMONG THEM AND THE STRENGTHENING OF THE MILITARY UNION OF THE FRATERNAL ARMIES.

THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENSE OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA, ARMY GENERAL DOBRI DZHUROV AND THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENSE OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF ROMANIA, COL. GENERAL ION COMAN TOOK PART IN DIFFERENT STAGES OF THE UNCLASSIFIED

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